

**NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Michael F. Easley, Governor

James T. Fain, III Secretary

September 10, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Room TW-204B
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re CC Docket 96-45 and 00-256
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority (NCREA) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow rural incumbent local exchange carriers, or eligible telecommunications carriers in rural service areas, to receive federal high-cost support.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.314, the NCREA certifies that Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, Star Telephone Membership Corporation, Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation and Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation are eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The NCREA further certifies that these Companies will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and service for which the support is intended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Scott Poole".

T. Scott Poole
Administrator
North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority

Attachments (9)

cc Office of Administrator
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

A handwritten signature and a large circular initial, possibly "O", in dark ink.

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Affidavit

Brunswick County

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Percy Woodard, Being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

REA

- 1 He is General Manager for Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company
- 2 He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 14th day of August 2003

ATLANTIC TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

BY: William P. Woodard
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

I, Teresa Bennett, a Notary Public, hereby certify that Percy Woodward, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of July 2002.

Teresa Bennett
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires: 6-14-06

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North Carolina

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Affidavit

Davidson County

REA

Elbert Perrell, being duly sworn, does depose and say that.

- 1 He is General Manager for Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company
- 2 He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended

This 8 day of September, 2003

PIEDMONT TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By Elbert R. Perrell
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

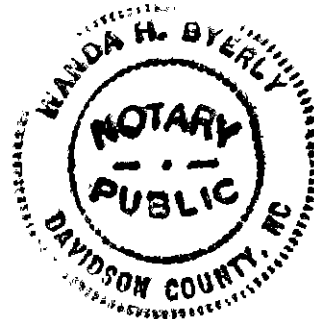
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DAVIDSON COUNTY

I, Wanda H. Byerly, A Notary Public hereby certify that Elbert R. Perrell, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 8 day of September 2003.

Wanda H. Byerly
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4-10-2006



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

REA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Steve A. Cox, who deposed and said

- 1 My name is Steve A. Cox I am employed by Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation as its General Manager I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company This affidavit is being given to support the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority's certification as contemplated in 47 C F R §54.314
- 2 Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2004 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

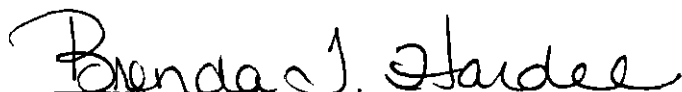
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT


Name

General Manager
Title

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

Acknowledged before me this 16th day of July, 2003 by Steve A Cox, as General Manager of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires March 30, 2007

North Carolina

Affidavit

Ashe County

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REA

Hobart G Davis, being duly sworn, does depose and say that

- 1 He is Chief Executive Officer for Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company
- 2 He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended

This 15th day of August 2003

SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By H. G. Davis
Chief Executive Officer

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ASHE COUNTY

I, Pamela Tribble Weaver, a Notary Public hereby certify that Hobart G. Davis, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Chief Executive Officer of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of August, 2003

Pamela Tribble Weaver
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires July 24, 2006

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Sampson County

REA

Lyman M Horne, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Executive Vice President and General Manager of Star Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Star Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 18th day of August, 2003

STAR TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *Lyman M. Horne*
Executive Vice President and General Manager

North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sampson County

I, *Frances P. Carr*, a Notary Public hereby certify that Lyman M. Horne, Jr. after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Star Telephone Membership, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Star Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of August, 2003.

Frances P. Carr
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires: 7-31-04

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Surry County

REA

Michael W. Stanley, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Surry Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 20 day of August 2003

SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

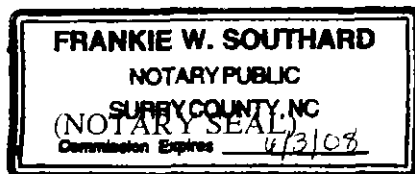
By: Michael W. Stanley
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SURRY COUNTY

I, Frankie Southard, a Notary Public hereby certify that Michael W. Stanley, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 20 day of August, 2003.



Frankie W. Southard
Notary Public

My commission expires:

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BEAUFORT COUNTY

Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that

- 1 He is Executive VP and General Manager for Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company
- 2 He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended

This 27th day of August 2003

TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By

Dennis M. Wallace, Jr.
Executive VP & General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

BEAUFORT COUNTY

I, *Jeresa Ehorn Whitney*, a Notary Public hereby certify that Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Executive VP and General Manager of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of August 2003.

Jeresa Ehorn Whitney
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires:
My Documents/Dennis/USFAffidavit.doc

July 31, 2005

North Carolina

Wilkes County

Affidavit

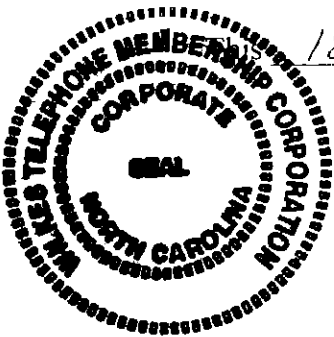
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C. E. Ritenour, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

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- 1 He is General Manager for Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and and services for which the support is intended.



18th day of August, 2003

WILKES TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

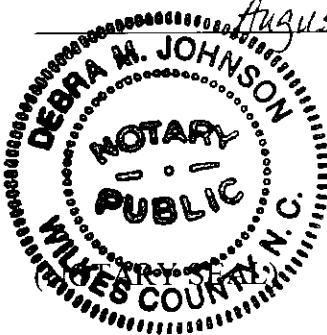
By: C. E. Ritenour, Jr.
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WILKES COUNTY

I, Debra M Johnson, a Notary Public hereby certify that C. E. Ritenour, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of August, 2003.



Debra M. Johnson
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-9-2005

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Affidavit

Yadkin County

REA

Jeffrie A. Adams, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This the 20 day of August 2003

YADKIN VALLEY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: [Signature]
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

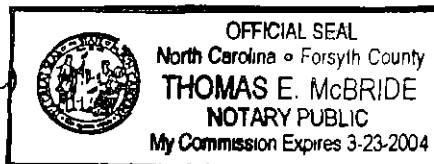
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

YADKIN COUNTY

I, THOMAS E. McBRIDE, a Notary Public hereby certify that Jeffrie A. Adams, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this the 20TH day of August 2003.

[Signature]
Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)



My commission expires: 23 March 2004